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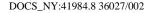
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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,1		Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ § 8	Adversary Proceeding No.
vs.	§	
NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.	§ 8	
NLAI OINI AD VISONS, L.I .	§	
Defendant.	§	

¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.



COMPLAINT FOR (I) BREACH OF CONTRACT AND (II) TURNOVER OF PROPERTY OF THE DEBTOR'S ESTATE

Plaintiff, Highland Capital Management, L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and the plaintiff in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), by its undersigned counsel, as and for its complaint (the "<u>Complaint</u>") against defendant NexPoint Advisors, L.P. ("<u>NPA</u>" or "<u>Defendant</u>"), alleges upon knowledge of its own actions and upon information and belief as to other matters as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. The Debtor brings this action against NPA arising from NPA's default under a promissory note executed by NPA in favor of the Debtor in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33 and payable in annual installments. NPA has failed to pay amounts when due under the note, the note is in default, and the amounts due under the note have been accelerated pursuant to the terms of the note.
- 2. Through this Complaint, the Debtor seeks (a) damages from NPA in an amount equal to (i) the outstanding principal due under the Note (as defined below), plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as provided for in the Note) for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note, and (b) turnover by the NPA to the Debtor of the foregoing amounts.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This adversary proceeding arises in and relates to the Debtor's case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Court") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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- 4. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 5. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Debtor consents to the entry of a final order by the Court in the event that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 6. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

THE PARTIES

- 7. The Debtor is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of Delaware with a business address at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 8. Upon information and belief, NPA is a limited partnership with offices located in Dallas, Texas and organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.

CASE BACKGROUND

- 9. On October 16, 2019, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court"), Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Highland Bankruptcy Case").
- 10. On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Trustee in the Delaware Court appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with the following members: (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund, (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) Acis LP and Acis GP.

- 11. On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Highland Bankruptcy Case to this Court [Docket No. 186].²
- 12. The Debtor has continued in the possession of its property and has continued to operate and manage its business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The NPA Note

- 13. NPA is the maker under a promissory note in favor of the Debtor.
- 14. Specifically, on May 31, 2017, NPA executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33 (the "Note"). A true and correct copy of the Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 15. Section 2 of the Note provides: "<u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. Principal and interest under this Note shall be due and payable as follows:
 - **2.1** Annual Payment Dates. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "Annual Installment") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this note.
 - **2.2 Final Payment Date**. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "**Maturity Date**").
 - 16. Section 3 of the Note provides:

<u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.

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² All docket numbers refer to the main docket for the Debtor's Case maintained by this Court.

17. Section 4 of the Note provides:

Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

18. Section 6 of the Note provides:

<u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

B. NPA's Default under the Note

- 19. NPA failed to make the payment due under the Note on December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,406,111.92.
- 20. By letter dated January 7, 2021, the Debtor made demand on NPA for immediate payment under the Note (the "<u>Demand Letter</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Demand Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. The Demand Letter provides:

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$24,471,804.98; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due <u>immediately</u>.

Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

21. On January 14, 2021, in an apparent attempt to cure its default, NPA paid the Debtor the \$1,406,111.92 that was due on December 31, 2020 (the "Partial Payment").

22. The Note does not contain a cure provision. Therefore, the Partial Payment did not cure NPA's default. Accordingly, on January 15, 2021, the Debtor sent NPA a follow-up letter to its Demand Letter (the "Second Demand Letter"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, stating:

[T]he Partial Payment will be applied as payment against the amounts due under the Note in accordance with Section 3 thereof. The Note remains in default, and all amounts due thereunder are due immediately.

After adjusting for the Partial Payment and the continued accrual of interest, the amount due under the Note as of January 15, 2021, is \$23,071,195.03 (which amount does not include expenses incurred to date in collecting the Note).

Second Demand Letter (emphasis in original).

- 23. Despite the Debtor's demands, NPA did not pay the amount demanded by the Debtor on January 7, 2021, or at any time thereafter.
- 24. As of January 15, 2021, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest due under the Note was \$23,071,195.03
- 25. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, the Note is in default and is currently due and payable.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (For Breach of Contract)

- 26. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 27. The Note is a binding and enforceable contract.
- 28. NPA breached the Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon NPA's default and acceleration.
- 29. Pursuant to the Note, the Debtor is entitled to damages from NPA in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and

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unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note.

30. As a direct and proximate cause of NPA's breach of the Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the amount of at least \$23,071,195.03 as of January 15, 2021, plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date, plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Turnover by NPA Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 542(b))

- 31. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. NPA owes the Debtor an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note.
- 33. The Note is property of the Debtor's estate that is matured and payable upon default and acceleration.
 - 34. NPA has not paid the amount due under the Note to the Debtor.
 - 35. The Debtor has made demand for the turnover of the amount due under the Note.
- 36. As of the date of filing of this Complaint, NPA has not turned over the amount due under the Note.
 - 37. The Debtor is entitled to the amount due under the Note.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for judgment as follows:

- (i) On its First Claim for Relief, damages in an amount to be determined at trial, including, among other things, (a) the outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (ii) On its Second Claim for Relief, ordering turnover by NPA to the Debtor of an amount equal to (a) the outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses); and
- (iii) Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: January 22, 2021. PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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EXHIBIT 1

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$30,746,812.33 May 31, 2017

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE (this "Note") is in substitution for and supersedes in their entirety each of those certain promissory notes described in Exhibit A hereto, from NexPoint Advisors, L.P., as Maker, and Highland Capital Management, L.P. as Payee (collectively, the "Prior Notes"), together with the aggregate outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interested represented thereby.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE AND 33/100 DOLLARS (\$30,746,812.33), together with interest, on the terms set forth below. All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at the rate of six percent (6.00%) per annum from the date hereof until Maturity Date (hereinafter defined), compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable annually.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. Principal and interest under this Note shall be payable as follows:
 - 2.1 <u>Annual Payment Dates</u>. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "<u>Annual Installment</u>") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this Note.
 - 2.2 <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "**Maturity Date**").
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same

shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.

- Waiver. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of 5. nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- Limitation on Agreements. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether 7. now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- Governing Law. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.
- 9. Prior Notes. The original of each of the Prior Notes superseded hereby shall be marked "VOID" by Payee.

MAKER:

NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.

By: NexPoint Advisors GP, LLC, its general partner

Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT A

PRIOR NOTES

Loan Date	Initial Note Amount	Interest Rate	Principal and Interest Outstanding as of May 31, 2017
8/21/14	\$4,000,000	6.00%	\$4,616,739.73
10/1/14	\$6,000,000	6.00%	\$6,959,671.23
11/14/14	\$2,500,000	6.00%	\$2,881,780.82
1/29/15	\$3,100,000	6.00%	\$3,534,679.45
7/22/15	\$12,075,000	6.00%	\$12,753,941.10
	\$27,675,000		\$30,746,812.33

EXHIBIT 2

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

January 7, 2021

NexPoint Advisors, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Demand on Promissory Note

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On May 31, 2017, NexPoint Advisors, L.P, entered into that certain promissory note in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33 (the "Note") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Payee").

As set forth in Section 2 of the Note, accrued interest and principal on the Note is due and payable in thirty equal annual payments with each payment due on December 31 of each calendar year. Maker failed to make the payment due on December 31, 2020.

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$24,471,804.98; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due <u>immediately</u>. Payments on the Note must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Note or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Note will continue to accrue until the Note is paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer cc: Fred Caruso James Romey Jeffrey Pomerantz Ira Kharasch

Gregory Demo DC Sauter

Appendix A

ABA #: 322070381 Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

EXHIBIT 3

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

January 15, 2021

NexPoint Advisors, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Partial Payment on Promissory Note

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On May 31, 2017, NexPoint Advisors, L.P, ("<u>Maker</u>"), entered into that certain promissory note in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33 (the "<u>Note</u>") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Payee</u>"). A copy of the Note is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

On January 7, 2021, Payee notified you that because of Maker's failure to make the payment due on December 31, 2020 (the "<u>Default</u>"), the Note was in default and that all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note were immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021, was \$24,471,804.98; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

On January 14, 2021, Payee received a wire from Maker in the amount of \$1,406,111.92 (the "<u>Partial Payment</u>"). To reiterate, the amount due under the Note as of January 8, 2021, was \$24,471,804.98. The Partial Payment will be applied as payment against the amounts due under the Note pursuant to Section 3 thereof. **The Note remains in default, and all amounts due thereunder are due <u>immediately</u>.**

After adjusting for the Partial Payment and the continued accrual of interest, the amount due under the Note as of January 15, 2021, is \$23,071,195.03 (which amount does not include expenses incurred to date in collecting the Note). Payment of such amount is due immediately. Payments on the Note must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix B**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Note or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved, including the right to recover Payee's expenses incurred in collecting the Note. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Note will continue to accrue until the Note is paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

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B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER		
(Instructions on Reverse)		(Court Use Only)		
PLAINTIFFS	DEFEND			
Highland Capital Management, L.P.	NexPo	int Advisors, L.P.		
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORN	NEYS (If Known)		
Hayward PLLC	Munsch H	ardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.		
10501 N. Central Expressway, Suite 106	500 N. Akard Street, Suite 3800			
Dallas, Texas 75231 Tel.: (972) 755-7100	Dallas, Texas 75201 Tel.: (214) 855-7500			
PARTY (Check One Box Only)	PARTY (Check One Box Only)			
Debtor U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	□ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin			
□ Creditor □ Other	□ Creditor • Other			
□ Trustee	□ Trustee			
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE		I, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)		
Count 1: Breach of contract; Count 2: Turnover pursuant to 11 U	.S.C. 542			
NATURE (OF SUIT			
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FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property		6) – Dischargeability (continued)		
2 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property	61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support			
☐ 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference ☐ 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer	68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury			
13-Recovery of money/property - 9548 fraudulent transfer 14-Recovery of money/property - other	63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan 64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation			
	(other than domestic support)			
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien	65-Dischargeability - other			
21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	FDRD 7001('	7\ Injunctive Poliof		
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief 71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay			
31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	72-Injunctive relief – other			
FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge	EDDD 7001/9	3) Subordination of Claim or Interest		
41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)		rdination of claim or interest		
FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation				
51-Revocation of confirmation		D) Declaratory Judgment aratory judgment		
	☐ 91-Decia	natory judgment		
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability 66-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims		10) Determination of Removed Action		
62-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation,	☐ 01-Deter	rmination of removed claim or cause		
actual fraud	Other			
67-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	_	Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa <i>et.seq.</i>		
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Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	l	this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23		
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$	23,071,195.03 plus interest, fees, and expenses		
Other Relief Sought				

B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES				
NAME OF DEBTOR Highland Capital Management, L.P.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 19-34054-sgj11		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas		DIVISION OFFICE Dallas	NAME OF JUDGE Stacey G. C. Jernigan	
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)				
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)				
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)	
January 22, 2021		Zachery Z. Annable		

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.